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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 824

Introduced by Assembly Member Chu

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section ~~11401.1~~ 11403.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 824, as amended, Chu. AFDC-FC ~~payments~~ *benefits: transitional housing.*

Existing law establishes the Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) program, under which counties provide payments to foster care providers on behalf of qualified children in foster care. The program is funded by a combination of federal, state, and county funds, with moneys from the General Fund being continuously appropriated to pay for the state's share of AFDC-FC costs.

Existing law ~~limits the eligibility of certain children placed voluntarily for AFDC-FC benefits to a period of 6 months, and authorizes a extension of 6 months in certain circumstances.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision~~ *extends eligibility for certain transitional housing placement program services that are available to foster youth to a person less than 21 years of age who has emancipated from the foster care system in a county that has elected to participate in a transitional housing placement program for youths between 18 and 21 years of age, provided that the person has not received these services for more than a total of 24 months.*

This bill would raise the age limit for receipt of transitional housing placement program services by an emancipated foster youth to 24 years.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 11401.1 of the Welfare and Institutions~~
2 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

3 ~~SECTION 1. Section 11403.2 of the Welfare and Institutions~~
4 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

5 11403.2. (a) The following persons shall be eligible for
6 transitional housing placement program services provided
7 pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 16522) of
8 Chapter 5 of Part 4:

9 (1) Any minor at least 16 years of age and not more than 18
10 years of age, except as provided in Section 11403, who is eligible
11 for AFDC-Foster Care benefits under this chapter and who meets
12 the requirements in Section 16522.2.

13 (2) Any person less than ~~21~~ 24 years of age who has
14 emancipated from a county that has elected to participate in a
15 transitional housing placement program for youths who are at
16 least 18 years of age and under ~~21~~ 24 years of age, as described
17 in subdivision (r) of Section 11400, provided he or she has not
18 received services under this paragraph for more than a total of 24
19 months, whether or not consecutive. If the person participating in
20 a transitional housing placement program is not receiving aid
21 under Section 11403.1, he or she, as a condition of participation,
22 shall enter into, and execute the provisions of, a transitional
23 independent living plan that shall be mutually agreed upon, and
24 annually reviewed, by the emancipated foster youth and the
25 county welfare or probation department or independent living
26 program coordinator. The youth participating under this
27 paragraph shall inform the county of any changes to conditions
28 specified in the agreed upon plan that affect eligibility, including
29 changes in address, living circumstances, and the educational or
30 training program.

31 (b) Payment on behalf of an eligible person receiving
32 transitional housing services shall be made to the transitional

1 housing placement program pursuant to the conditions and
2 limitations set forth in Section 11403.3.

3 ~~11401.1. (a) Otherwise eligible children placed voluntarily~~
4 ~~prior to January 1, 1981, may remain eligible for AFDC-FC~~
5 ~~payments.~~

6 ~~(b) Beginning on January 1, 1982, AFDC-FC payments for~~
7 ~~children placed voluntarily on or after January 1, 1981, shall be~~
8 ~~limited to a period of up to six months under conditions specified~~
9 ~~by departmental regulations, and may be extended an additional~~
10 ~~six months pursuant to Section 16507.3 and departmental~~
11 ~~regulations.~~